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# **Speaker Bios**

**Monieca West**

**President, Red Dog Development Corp.**

Monieca West recently retired from Southwestern Bell after a twenty-six year career, most recently as Director-Economic Development since 1992. In this position, she was responsible for development and implementation of SWB's community and economic development initiatives in Arkansas which included the company's FiberPark initiative, business recruitment and retention, small business development, workforce development, and community oriented technology applications. She was the project manager for the Southwestern Bell Technology Center which opened in December, 2000 as a part of the new Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce building and is now under contract to the Chamber and Southwestern Bell to provide management, programing, and technical assistance for the Technology Center during its first year of operation.

Along with her husband Phil, she has formed Red Dog Development Corp. which provides consulting, technical assistance, and project management services to organizations in the public, private and non-profit sectors. Areas of expertise include a full range of community and economic development services; outsourced administrative services; Internet, wireless and emerging information technology infrastructure development; project and program management for government and military contracting; and development of public private partnerships.

West is a past president of both the International Community Development Society and its Arkansas chapter, the American Indian Center of Arkansas, and former chair of the Community Development Council. She is presently a faculty member of the Community Development Institute at the University of Central Arkansas, director of the North Little Rock Leadership Renaissance program, president of the Arkansas Dance Network, and a member of the North Little Rock School Board.

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